

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Lars BLANK, et al.  
Title: METHOD OF IMPROVING  
BIOMASS YIELD OF LACTIC  
ACID BACTERIAL CULTURES  
Appl. No.: 10/623,578  
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Examiner: Leon B. LANKFORD, JR.  
Art Unit: 1651

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD  
OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner in the Final Office Action dated July 5, 2006, and in the Advisory Action dated , finally rejecting Claims 31-47.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status.

☒ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

☒ Notice of Appeal Fee

☒ To be paid as detailed below

☐ Not required (Fee paid in prior appeal)

The required fees are calculated below:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00
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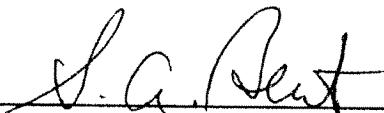
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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Respectfully submitted,

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